CHAPTER IX

MEMORY, EGO AND SELF-EXPERIENCE

> Here this God, the Mind, in its dream experiences again and again what once was experienced, what has been seen and what has not been seen, what has been heard and what has not been heard; what has been experienced and what has not been experienced, what is and what is not, all it sees, it is all and sees.
>
> *Prasna Upanishad.*^

> To dwell in our true being is liberation ; the sense of *ego* is a fall from the truth of our being.
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> *Mahopanishad.*+

> One in many births, a single ocean holder of all streams of movement, sees our hearts.
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> *Rig Veda.*^

THE direct self-consciousness of the mental being, that by which it becomes aware of its own nameless and formless existence behind the flow of a differentiated self-experience, of its eternal soul-substance behind the mental formations of that substance, of its self behind the ego, goes behind mentality to the timelessness of an eternal present; it is that in it which is ever the same and unaffected by the mental distinction of past, present and future. It is also unaffected by the distinctions of space or of circumstance; for if the mental being ordinarily says of itself, "I am in the body, I am here, I am there, I shall be elsewhere", yet when it learns to

^V. 5. +V. 2. ^X. 5. 1.